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REPORTS ON HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON SOYBEAN

SITUATION

1. AT THE JULY 23-24 COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (FOREIGN MINISTERS), EC COMMISSIONER PETRUS LARDINOIS REPORTED TO THE MINISTERS ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE SOYBEAN SITUATION. HE TOLD THE MINISTERS THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A US PROMISE THAT OF THE SAME 130 THOUSAND TONS OF SOYBEAN MEAL RELEASED UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENTLY, 80 TO 100 THOUSAND TONS WOULD GO TO THE EC. LARDINOIS ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON.

2. HE ALSO REPORTED TO THE MINISTERS THAT HE HAD REMINDED US OFFICIALS THAT BREAKING CURRENT CONTRACTS ON SOYBEAN PRODUCTS WAS A VERY DANGEROUS MATTER SINCE IT RAISES DOUBT IN EUROPE ABOUT AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE. LARDINOIS SAID HE HAD TOLD THE AMERICANS THAT THE SOYBEAN ISSUE WAS A TEST CASE, AND THAT IF THE AMERICANS TOOK THE LIBERTY OF NOT HONORING CONTRACTS, "OTHERS COULD DO LIKEWISE".

3. THE MINISTERS DID NOT DISCUSS NOR COMMENT ON LARDINOIS' REPORT, ALTHOUGH DE LIPKOWSKI POINTED OUT THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN RAISING WARNING FLAGS ON SOYBEANS TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL, LARDINOIS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON, AND SAID THAT HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE VISIT HAD BEEN FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY THE MINISTERS. GREENWALD

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